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Florida Severe Weather Awareness Week - 2021
February 1st - February 5th



February 1st, 2021: Florida Severe Weather Awareness Week is a joint-collaboration between the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) and the National Weather Service (NWS). This year, Florida Severe Weather Awareness week will run from February 1st to February 5th. Each day of the week information will be shared about the specific weather hazard being highlighted that day. The information will be published on the [NWS Miami web site](http://www.weather.gov/miami) as well as on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



On **Monday, February 1st**, the highlighted hazard will be [lightning](#). According to the NWS, Lightning strikes the United States about 25 million times on average every year! As thunderstorms are a common occurrence during our rainy season, it is always important to remain weather aware and when thunder roars, it is time to go indoors.

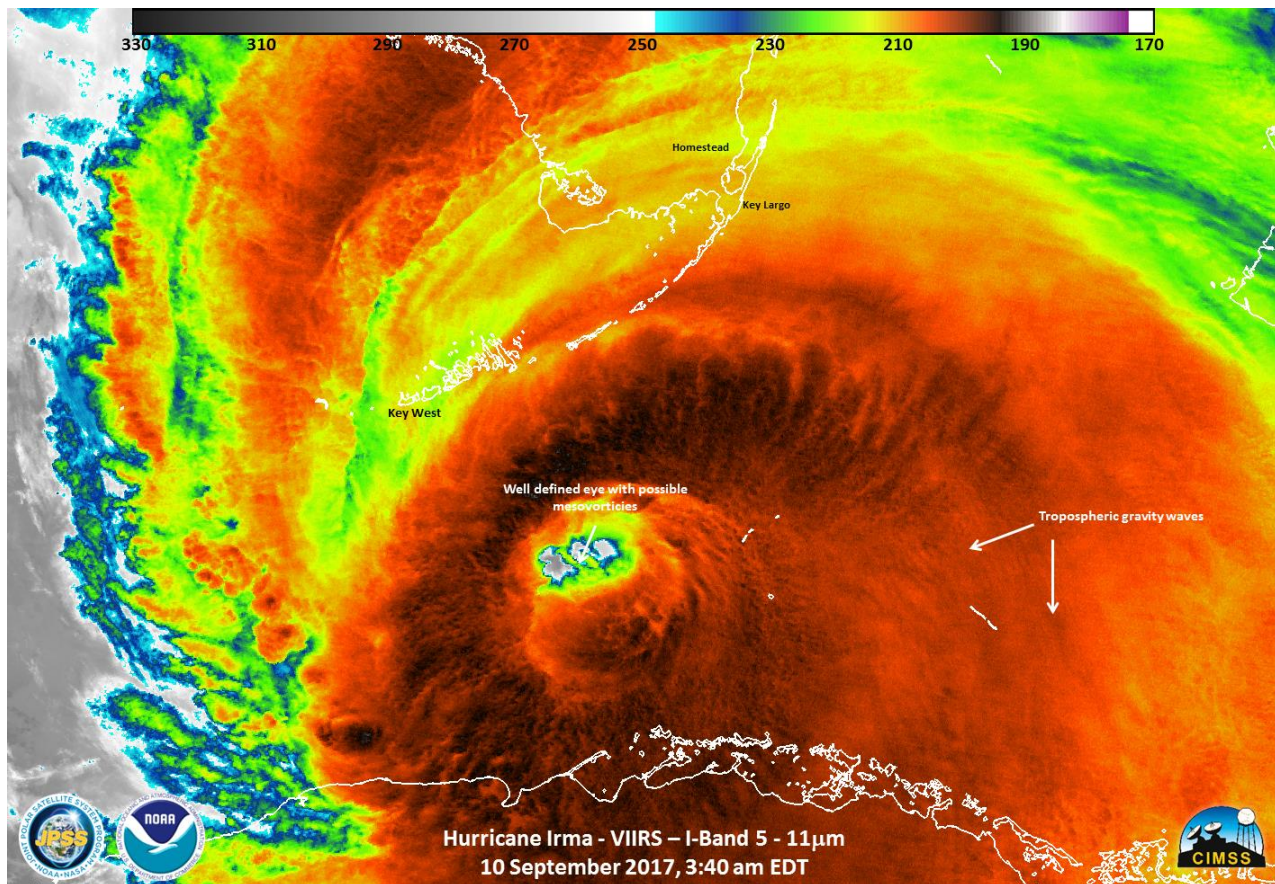


On **Tuesday, February 2nd**, [marine hazards](#) and [rip currents](#) will be discussed. Hazardous marine conditions can pose significant risks to life and property. Thus it is important to be aware of hazards like high-surf and rip currents, and how to take life-saving action if trapped in such conditions.



Wednesday, February 3rd will cover [tornadoes and thunderstorms](#). If you know what to do before, during, and after a tornado, you will minimize your risk of injury and increase your chances of survival.

Note: A tornado drill will be conducted for the South Florida region at 10 AM EST.



Thursday, February 4th will highlight [hurricanes](#) and [flooding](#). South Florida is no stranger to impacts from Tropical Cyclones, and it is always important to remain weather aware and up to date on the latest forecasts during the atlantic hurricane

season. Flooding is also a potential weather hazard in South Florida, and can be brought on by regular daytime thunderstorms or larger duration events.



Friday, February 5th will end the week with [heat](#), [cold](#) and [wildfire](#) threats being discussed.

2020 was a busy weather year for South Florida, from a tropical perspective, the flooding rains of Tropical Storm Eta to the close calls from Hurricane Isaias, Hurricane Sally, and Hurricane Laura. From a wave of Saharan Dust to a very wet rainy season, and a cold end to the year for South Florida standards, it was an eventful year. Even small-scale weather events such as local severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, and rip currents occur every year, resulting in deaths, injuries, and property damage. Therefore, weather awareness and safety measures are always good to have in mind and put into practice. More detailed information will be provided throughout the week in the daily articles dealing with each weather hazard. Visit [NWS Miami website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for updates.

